

## **FISCAL NOTE**

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 19, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 545 - HB 1461**

This bill, if enacted, will require convicted felons who wish to have their voting rights restored to certify to the county election commission that they are eligible to vote. The county election commission shall forward such certification to the coordinator of elections, whose duty it shall be to verify eligibility for restoration of citizenship by consultation with the pardoning authority or an agent of the supervising or incarcerating authority.

Under current law, convicted criminals seeking to have their voting rights restored must obtain a certificate of restoration from the proper authority and submit such form with the voter registration application at the time of registering to vote. The form is then forwarded to the coordinator of elections for review. Upon approval, voting rights are restored.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of approximately \$24,000 for an additional person in the Coordinator of elections office to handle the requirements of the bill. Details are shown below:

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Salary	\$15,000
Benefits	3,600
Equipment (one-time)	<u>5,000</u>
Total	<u>\$23,600</u>

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director